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The Japanese documents cited herein were recently cited by the Japanese Patent Office against a counterpart Japanese patent application. U.S. Patent No. 4,964,720 is in the same family as JP 01-119020. In addition, it should be noted that previously cited U.S. Patent No. 5,307,207 is in the same family as JP 01-235289, and previously cited U.S. Patent No. 4,851,978 is in the same family as JP 63-159837.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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